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Bureau of Land Management
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82 East Dogwood Avenue
Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities, Liberty Claims Project, E/037/091, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Venticinque:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities for Cotter Corporation's Liberty Claims exploration project, located in Section 9, T25S, R26E, San Juan County, Utah. Your agency's designated project number is UTU-76406.

We have evaluated this notice under the Exploration section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-2 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. By accepting this application, the Division expects the operator to conduct exploration activities in compliance with the Operation and Reclamation Practices of Rules R647-2-107, 108, and 109. If the operator cannot comply with these practices/performance standards, then a variance request must be provided to, and formally approved by the Division. Variance requests must include all of the information as required under Rule R647-2-110. A variance request is not required for practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site. No additional information is required by the Division from the operator at this time.

It is understood that your office, acting as "Lead Agency" will notify the operator accordingly. Please provide us with a final copy of your completeness letter to the operator.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you receive further information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we will be able to update our files. Please reference our designated file number E/037/091 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Anthony A. Gallégo'.

Anthony A. Gallégo
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Roger L. Bon, UGS
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